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Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 343

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Quint, Rudnicki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Tuttle, Underwood, Wadsworth, White B, White D.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Hanley, Javner, Prescott, Roche, Sampson, Sharpe.

Yes, 80; No, 63; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

80 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (2) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-671)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services"

(H.P. 671) (L.D. 915)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report.

Representative HARNETT of Gardiner moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative LIBBY of Auburn **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Auburn, Representative Libby.

Representative LIBBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Hyde Amendment prohibits federal Medicaid funding for abortions except in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest. This bill repeals the law that funds elective abortions via Maine Care. Let me repeat; this bill does not affect payment for abortions in the case of rape, incest or the health of the mother. This bill seeks to align Maine law once again with federal law. Sixty-two percent of Maine voters, including 60% of Independents, 44% of Democrats, 64% of women and over a third of self-described pro-choice voters oppose taxpayer funding of abortion. When told the Legislature was considering

a bill that would require taxpayer funding of abortion for Medicaid enrollees no matter the reason for the abortion, 62% of voters remained opposed to taxpayer funding of abortion in Maine. Please realign Maine with federal law. Taxpayer dollars should be spent more responsibly.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 344

YEA - Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Mathieson, Matlack, McCrea, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry, Pierce, Pluecker, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Alley, Andrews, Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Perry, Pickett, Poirier, Quint, Rudnicki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Tuttle, Underwood, Wadsworth, White B, White D.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Hanley, Javner, Prescott, Roche, Sampson, Sharpe.

Yes, 77; No, 66; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 66 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

The Chair laid before the House the following item which was **TABLED** earlier in today's session:

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (8) **Ought Not to Pass** - Minority (5) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-672)** - Committee on **JUDICIARY** on Bill "An Act To Require Certain Medical Providers To Administer Ultrasounds and Provide Information to Certain Pregnant Patients"

(H.P. 900) (L.D. 1229)

Which was **TABLED** by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner pending **ACCEPTANCE** of Either Report.

Representative HARNETT of Gardiner moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Representative HAGGAN of Hampden **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Levant, Representative Griffin.

Representative **GRIFFIN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. With any medical procedure, it is important to have all the information in order to make a decision that may have a major impact on your life. Informed consent is providing a person with adequate information, facilitating a person's understanding of the information and giving a person adequate time to ask questions and discuss with family and friends. It gives a person time to make an informed decision. When a woman is pregnant and making a decision about her pregnancy, she should be informed of all her options. This bill would have a health care professional confirm a woman's pregnancy and give her complete information about her health care options with no barriers. The health care professional would offer to perform an obstetric ultrasound and explain the images of her baby to the woman. She has the option to be counseled on all her options, including adoption and parenting. If she chooses to have her baby, she would be given a list of agencies that would support her. She is to be told of the complications with the procedure of an abortion such as abdominal pain, excessive bleeding, cervical tears, difficulty getting pregnant again and post-abortion syndrome. The woman would be given 48 hours to make a decision about her pregnancy. Documentation of the counseling would be signed by the woman stating she received the information about the procedure and her options. Every woman should have the right to make the best decision for her and her unborn baby and with this information she can do just that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 345

YEA - Alley, Andrews, Arford, Babbidge, Bailey, Bell, Berry, Blume, Brennan, Brooks, Bryant, Caiazzo, Cardone, Cloutier, Collings, Copeland, Crafts, Craven, Crockett, Cuddy, Dodge, Doore, Doudera, Dunphy, Evangelos, Evans, Fay, Geiger, Gere, Gramlich, Grohoski, Harnett, Hasenfus, Hepler, Hymanson, Kessler, Landry, Lookner, Madigan, Mathieson, Matlack, McCreia, McCreight, McDonald, Melaragno, Meyer, Millett, Morales, Moriarty, O'Connell, O'Neil, Osher, Paulhus, Pebworth, Perry A, Perry J, Pierce, Pluecker, Poirier, Reckitt, Rielly, Riseman, Roberts, Roeder, Sachs, Salisbury, Sheehan, Stover, Supica, Sylvester, Talbot Ross, Tepler, Terry, Tucker, Warren C, Warren S, Williams, Wood, Zager, Zeigler, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Arata, Austin, Bernard, Bickford, Blier, Bradstreet, Carlow, Carmichael, Collamore, Connor, Corey, Costain, Dillingham, Dolloff, Downes, Drinkwater, Ducharme, Faulkingham, Fecteau, Foster, Gifford, Greenwood, Griffin, Haggan, Hall, Harrington, Head, Hutchins, Johansen, Kinney, Kryzak, Lemelin, Libby, Lyford, Lyman, Martin J, Martin R, Martin T, Mason, Millett, Morris, Nadeau, Newman, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Perkins, Pickett, Quint, Rudnicki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Thorne, Tuell, Tuttle, Underwood, Wadsworth, White B, White D.

ABSENT - Cebra, Grignon, Hanley, Javner, Prescott, Roche, Sampson, Sharpe.

Yes, 81; No, 62; Absent, 8; Excused, 0.

81 having voted in the affirmative and 62 voted in the negative, with 8 being absent, and accordingly the Majority

Ought Not to Pass Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matter, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, June 15, 2021, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

SENATE REPORT - **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)** - Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** on Bill "An Act To Provide Equal Access to the Benefits of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act"

(S.P. 306) (L.D. 954)

- In Senate, Unanimous **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-88)**.

TABLED - May 19, 2021 (Till Later Today) by Representative DUNPHY of Old Town.

PENDING - **ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT**.

Subsequently, the Unanimous Committee Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative O'NEIL of Saco **PRESENTED** House **Amendment "A" (H-722)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-88) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-722) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-88) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-722)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE
Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **JUDICIARY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act Concerning Informed Consent of Minors' Authority to Release Health Care Information"

(S.P. 487) (L.D. 1510)

Signed: